

## HAS A GOOD CASE.

What Lawyers Think of Laidlaw's Suit Against Sage.

Expert Opinions Obtained on Hypothetical Questions.

A Novel Legal Point Raised by the Bomb Explosion.

Sage Finally Denies that He Used the Clerk as a Shield.

W. R. Laidlaw, the young brother's clerk who alleges that he was deliberately utilized by Sage as a human shield to save the multi-millionaire from the fury of the mob, on Saturday, December 29, 1891, at the put-out-and-brokers' office at 71 Broadway was wrecked by a bomb, still lies on his bed of pain in St. Vincent's Hospital.

The young clerk's recovery is slow, and an attempt to get up in an invalid chair resulted in such a severe shock that he is not inclined to attempt it soon again.

Mr. Sage has not yet deigned to send an inquiry to the hospital to learn the condition of the man whose body, it is claimed, saved the multi-millionaire's life. Since the publication in the Evening World of Mr. Laidlaw's intention to sue the multi-millionaire for damages Mr. Sage's card is no longer looked for by the invalid in the hospital.

That publication has caused no end of discussion among lawyers and in the clubs. It is generally considered that the proposed suit contains one of the most interesting and novel points of law that has been brought to the attention of the legal profession in many years.

So much interest has been shown in the case that an Evening World reporter interviewed a number of prominent lawyers on the subject, putting to each a hypothetical question involving all the allegations made by Mr. Laidlaw.

That when he entered Mr. Sage's office the latter was parleying with the bomb-thrower; that Mr. Sage had read Norcross's demand for \$1,250,000 with the ultimatum of destruction; and that he had attempted to make a dash for his life; that he had been shot in the back by the bomb-thrower, knowing that Mr. Laidlaw was unconscious of the peril in which he was being placed, and that as a result in the explosion which followed Mr. Sage's life was saved at the expense of grievous injuries to Mr. Laidlaw.

This hypothetical question contained within the inquiry whether, under such circumstances, an action in a civil suit for damages would stand.

"That is a lawyer's," said Mr. Charles C. Bennett, of the law firm of Evans, Choate & Bennett, 59 Wall street. "It raises a most novel and interesting point, and one without precedent."

Said Lawyer Paul D. Cravath, of the firm of Cravath & Houston, in the Equitable Building:

"It seems to me clear that where a man deliberately uses another man as a shield to protect himself from injury from the explosion of a bomb, and the man so used is injured without himself being in fault he has a cause of action for the injury he has sustained."

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## THE BORDER WAR.

Mexican Troops Reinforced for the Chasing of Garza.

Fears for the Safety of a Company of American Cavalrymen.

Not Heard from Since They Rode Guileless Down the River.

THE ASSAULT ON THE RIVER.

LAREDO, TEX., Dec. 28.—Last evening thirty-three cohorts of Mexican troops, comprising about 800 men, arrived in New Laredo, Mexico, from the south.

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## TO INVESTIGATE THE WRECK.

Railroad Commissioners Roused by the Hastings Disaster.

Central Officials Say Herick's Explanation Is False.

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## SUICIDE AT A HOSPITAL.

A Bellevue Patient Plunges from a Fourth Story Window.

His Neck Broken by the Fall and Death Instantaneous.

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